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FEATURING

# SPIDER-MAN™ AND THE THING™



IF THE **THING**  
COULDN'T BEAT ME,  
WEBHEAD--HOW  
DO YOU FIGURE  
YOU CAN?

TO SAVE  
NEW YORK, I  
HAVE NO  
CHOICE!

I HAVE TO FIGHT  
**THE BASILISK!**





Stan Lee  
PRESENTS:

# SPIDEY AND the THING--TOGETHER!

THE THING IS EITHER UNCONSCIOUS OR DEAD--A VOLCANO HAS ERUPTED  
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HUDSON RIVER--NEW YORK IS BURNING--AND AS IF ALL  
THAT ISN'T BAD ENOUGH--

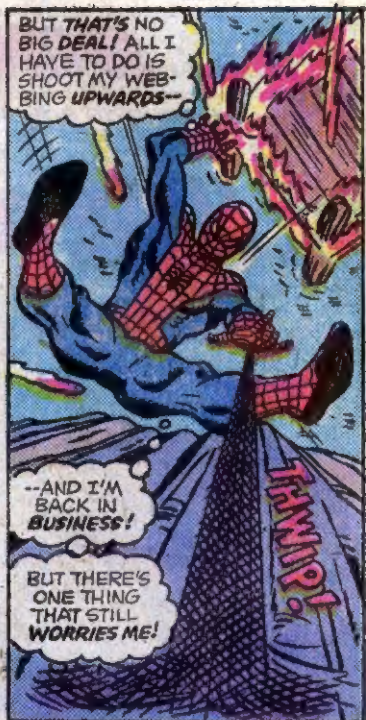
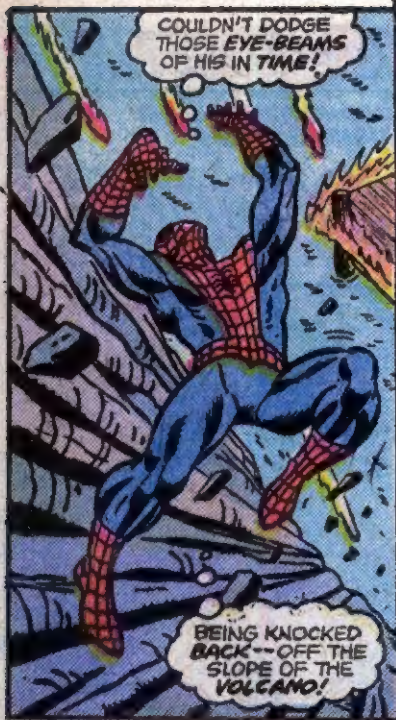
## I HAVE TO FIGHT THE BASILISK!

AND IT'S A FIGHT  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
LOSE, WALL-  
CRAWLER!

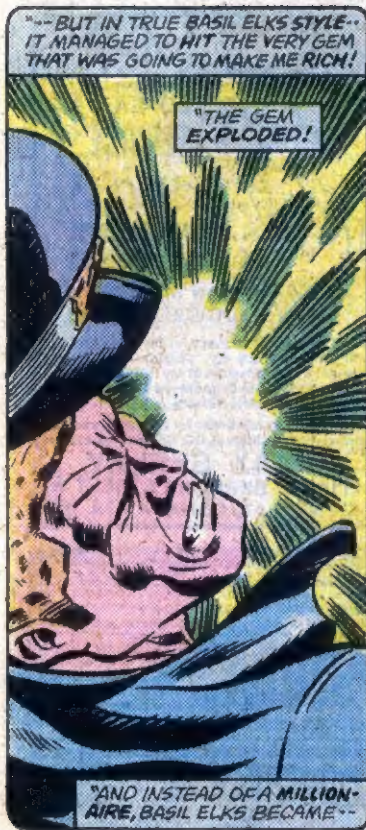
AS PROMISED, THE POWER-  
PACKED CONCLUSION TO  
THE TALE BEGUN IN  
MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #17,  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY...

BILL MANTLO, WRITER  
RON WILSON, ARTIST  
DAN ADKINS, INKER  
I. WATANABE, LETTERS  
D. WARFIELD, COLORS  
MARV WOLFMAN, EDITOR









"...BUT IN TRUE BASIL ELKS STYLE-- IT MANAGED TO HIT THE VERY GEM THAT WAS GOING TO MAKE ME RICH!

"THE GEM EXPLODED!

"AND INSTEAD OF A MILLIONAIRE, BASIL ELKS BECAME--

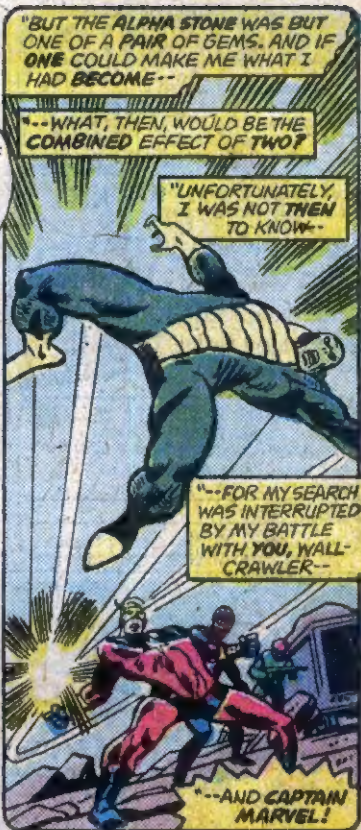


"--SOMETHING ELSE!

I'M NOT BASIL ELKS ANYMORE!

I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE POWER OF CHANGE--TO MAKE THINGS OTHER THAN WHAT THEY ARE!

NOW I AM--THE BASILISK!



"BUT THE ALPHA STONE WAS BUT ONE OF A PAIR OF GEMS. AND IF ONE COULD MAKE ME WHAT I HAD BECOME--

"--WHAT, THEN, WOULD BE THE COMBINED EFFECT OF TWO?

"UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS NOT THEN TO KNOW--

"--FOR MY SEARCH WAS INTERRUPTED BY MY BATTLE WITH YOU, WALL-CRAWLER--

"--AND CAPTAIN MARVEL!



"THE KREE-MAN KNEW THE NATURE AND POWER OF THE TWO GEMS--

"--AND WHILE I FOUGHT YOU-- HE UNEARTHED THE SECOND."

THE OMEGA STONE!

SO... BEAUTIFUL!



"AND SO DEADLY! NO SOONER HAD MARVEL TOUCHED IT THAN IT BEGAN TO THROB--

"--TO GROW!"

BY THE SEVEN STARS!

"FEEDING ON HIS KREE-ENERGIES.



"USING MARVEL'S OWN POWER TO DRAW HIM WITHIN ITS RUBY DEPTHS!

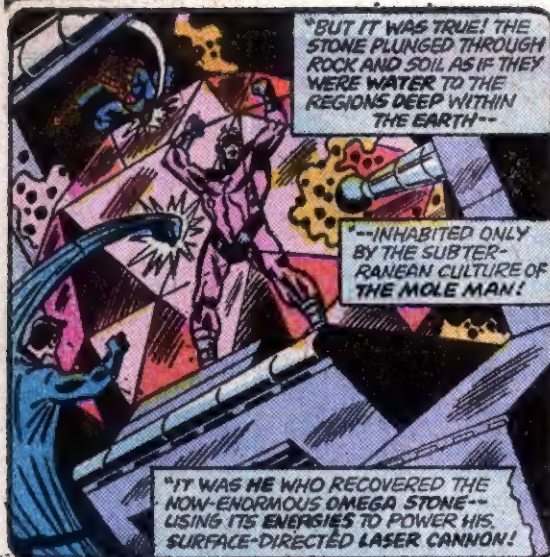


THE STONE--SINKING INTO THE EARTH! WITH MARVEL INSIDE IT!

GONE!!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

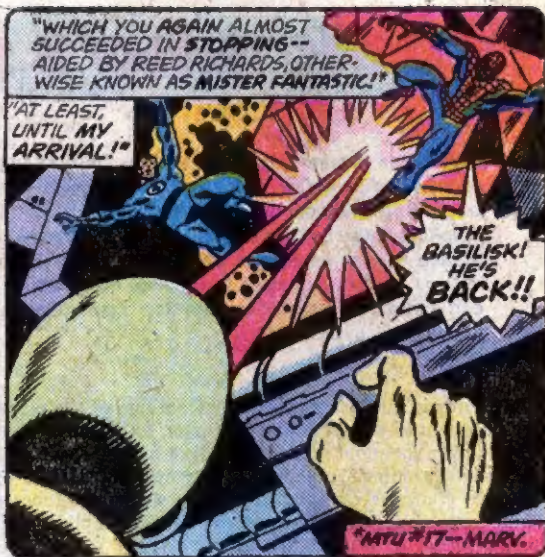




"BUT IT WAS TRUE! THE STONE PLUNGED THROUGH ROCK AND SOIL AS IF THEY WERE WATER TO THE REGIONS DEEP WITHIN THE EARTH--"

"--INHABITED ONLY BY THE SUBTERRANEAN CULTURE OF THE MOLE MAN!"

"IT WAS HE WHO RECOVERED THE NOW-ENORMOUS OMEGA STONE-- USING ITS ENERGIES TO POWER HIS, SURFACE-DIRECTED LASER CANNON!"



"WHICH YOU AGAIN ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN STOPPING-- AIDED BY REED RICHARDS, OTHER-WISE KNOWN AS MISTER FANTASTIC!"

"AT LEAST, UNTIL MY ARRIVAL!"

THE BASILISK!  
HE'S BACK!!

"MTU #17--MARY."



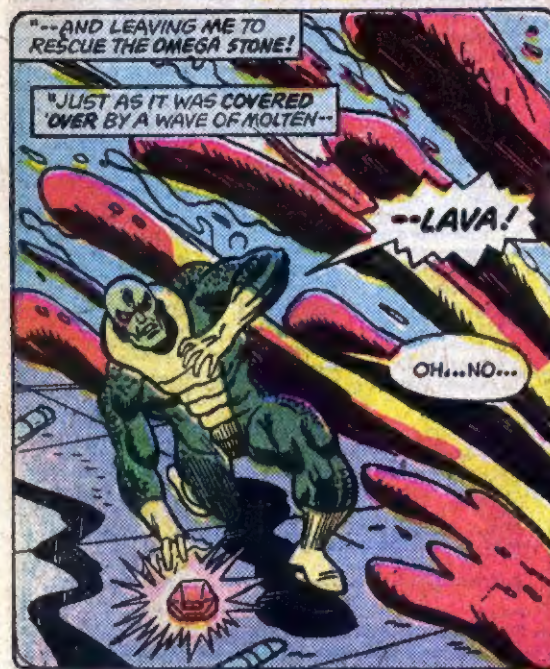
"YET EVEN IN THE CHAOS OF THE ENSUING BATTLE-- AGAINST HORDES OF FACELESS SUBTERRANEANS--"

"--AGAINST EVEN THE MOLE MAN HIMSELF--"

"--YOU TRIUMPHED! FREEING THE TRAPPED CAPTAIN MARVEL--"

ATTACK THEM, MY FAITHFUL ONES!

DESTROY THEM!



"--AND LEAVING ME TO RESCUE THE OMEGA STONE!"

"JUST AS IT WAS COVERED OVER BY A WAVE OF MOLTEN--"

--LAVA!

OH...NO...



SHALL I TELL YOU OF THE PAIN, SPIDER-MAN? OF THE ALMOST UNENDURABLE AGONY?

DO I HAVE ANY CHOICE, BASIL?

NONE, I'M AFRAID.



"FOR YOU SEE, I DID NOT DIE BE-  
NEATH THE MOLTEN FLOW--AS  
ALL WHO WATCHED EXPECTED!

"THE OMEGA STONE GREW AT MY  
TOUCH--ENCASING ME AS IT HAD  
EARLIER ENCASED CAPTAIN MARVEL.

"I DRIFTED, WALL-CRAWLER, DOWN A  
STREAM OF LIQUID ROCK! IMMOBILE--

"--UNTIL FOUND BY THE AIM-  
LESSLY WANDERING SUBTER-  
RANEANS, WHO HAD THEMSELVES  
BEEN CUT OFF AND ABANDONED  
BY THEIR MASTER!

"AND IN THE DIM FASTNESS  
OF THEIR MINDS, THEY  
LOOKED UPON MY TRAPPED  
FORM AS A GIFT TO THEM  
FROM WHATEVER GODS  
SUCH BEINGS COULD HAVE!

"THEY BORE ME DEEP WITHIN THE  
EARTH, INTO A CAVERN THE SUN  
WOULD NEVER SEE, BUT THEN,  
DISASTER STRUCK THEM--

"--AN EARTH-  
QUAKE, SEALING  
ME ALONE WITH-  
IN THE CAVERN!

"ALONE EXCEPT FOR ONE!

"CURIOUS,  
WORSHIPFUL!

"COMING EVER CLOSER TO  
THE GLEAMING PRESENCE  
OF HIS DEITY!

"DARING TO REACH  
FOR HEAVEN--

"--AND FINDING HELL INSTEAD!

"HIS TOUCH RELEASED ME  
FROM THE STONE--ITS  
ENERGIES JOINING THOSE  
OF THE ALPHA STONE  
ALREADY WITHIN ME!

"AND IN MY GRATITUDE--

"--I SLEW  
THE POOR,  
UNTHINKING  
CREATURE!

"FEEDING  
ON HIS  
LIFE-  
FORCE...

"...GROWING  
IN POWER...

"...UNTIL THE EARTH IT-  
SELF COULD NO LONGER  
CONTAIN ME!

"A VOLCANO ROSE IN  
THE SAVAGE LAND--

"--AND IT WAS THAT WHICH  
DREW BEN GRIMM TO ME!

GRIMM--  
WHO NEVER  
SUSPECTED  
WHAT LAY IN  
WAIT--WITHIN!

"LAST 15H--MARK





"WE BATTLED THERE,  
BENEATH THE EARTH!"

"THE FIRST BLOW  
WAS MINE, STUNNING  
THE MIGHTY THING--"



"...FOR I WAS NOT TO BE  
STOPPED! I HAD ALREADY  
BEGUN THE VOLCANIC  
CHAIN-REACTION WHICH  
WOULD DESTROY THE  
EARTH'S SURFACE, KILLING  
ALL THOSE WHO ONCE  
MOCKED ME!"

"BUT THE THING WAS  
NOT DEAD! MERELY  
STUNNED--"

"...AND AS I PREPARED TO DEPART--  
TO VIEW THE HAVOC I WAS WREAK-  
ING UPON THE WORLD--"



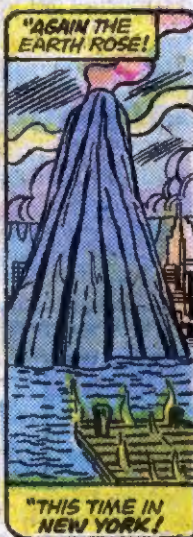
"--HIS MISSHAPEN  
HAND REACHED  
OUT AND  
GRABBED ME!"



"YOU AIN'T GOIN'  
NOWHERE, BUB--"



"--NOT WITHOUT  
MEEEEEE..."



"AGAIN THE  
EARTH ROSE!"

"THIS TIME IN  
NEW YORK!"



"AND WITHIN THE VOLCANO'S CONE--"

"THE THING  
TELEPORTED  
WITH ME!"

"BUT THE  
SHOCK APPEARS  
TO HAVE  
KILLED HIM!"



"AND IF THE MEREST  
MODICUM OF MY POWER  
WAS ENOUGH TO SLAY  
THE MIGHTY THING,  
SPIDER-MAN--"

"--WHAT HOPE  
CAN YOU HAVE  
OF DEFEATING  
ME??"

"HE'S GETTING  
READY TO  
ATTACK!"

"CAN'T  
WAIT FOR  
THE THING  
ANY  
LONGER!"

"IF I'M GONNA  
ACT--I'D BETTER  
DO IT NOW!"

"BEFORE IT'S  
TOO LATE!"

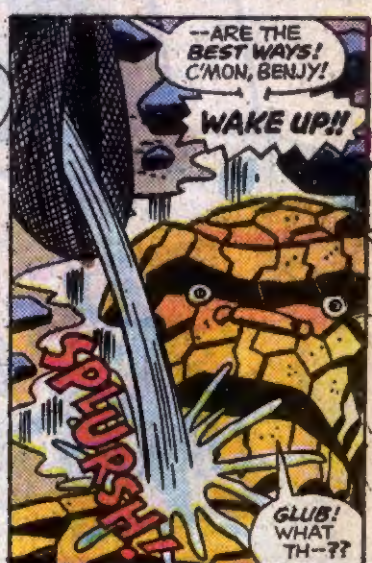
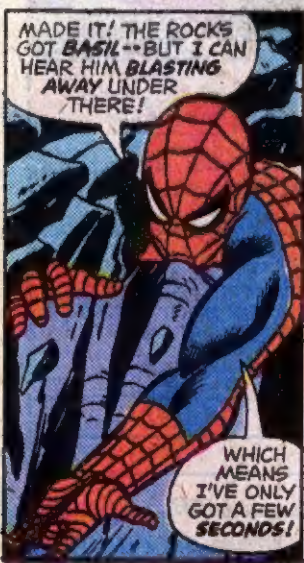
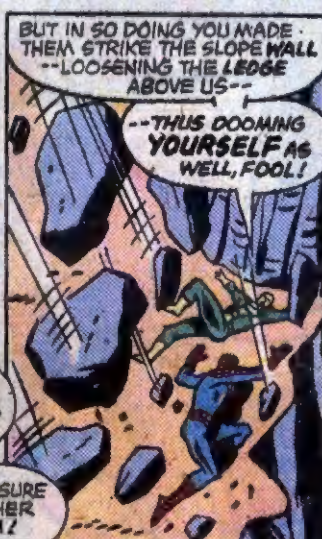


"OH, NOT MUCH,  
BASIL--"

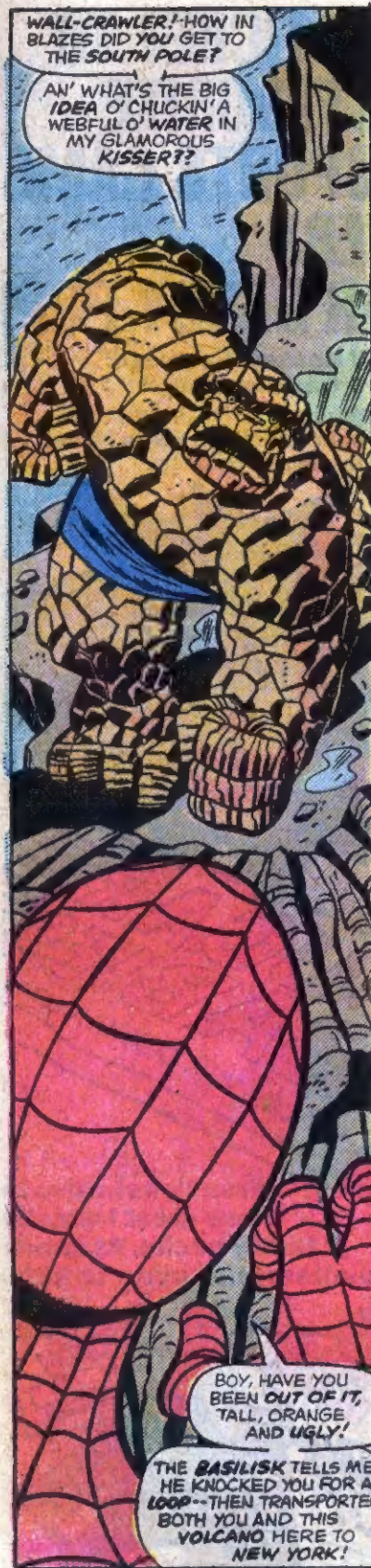
"--BUT THEN YOU  
DON'T GET VERY  
FAR IN THIS JOB  
ON HOPE!"

"I PREFER RELYING ON  
MY SPIDER-STRENGTH--"









WALL-CRAWLER! HOW IN BLAZES DID YOU GET TO THE SOUTH POLE?

AN' WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA O' CHUCKIN' A WEBFUL O' WATER IN MY GLAMOROUS KISSER??



THE WATER WAS JUST MY WAY OF SAYING "HELLO!"

THE BASILISK, HUH? NOW I REMEMBER!

GIMME A HAND UP, WEB-HEAD--



--AN' THEN POINT THE WAY TO THAT BUG-EYED LITTLE CLOWN! ME AN' HIM GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE!

HE'S UNDER THAT PILE OF ROCKS BEHIND YOU, BENJY!

THEM ONES THAT'S MOVIN', YA MEAN!



WHA-TOOM!

YOU GOT IT, BENJAMIN!



YOU BOTH STILL LIVE?

BUT HOW??



DON'T GET YER JAWS IN AN UPPOAR WORRYIN' ABOUT IT, CHUM--

--'CAUSE WHERE I'M GONNA SEND YOU--YOU AIN'T GONNA HAVE TO FRET ABOUT NOTHIN'!



ZTAM!

HOW OFTEN MUST I PROVE MY POWER TO YOU, THING--

--BEFORE YOU LIE DOWN AND DIE??

A GOOD QUESTION...





...BUT ONE THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT A FEW PANELS AS WE SWITCH TO...

POLICE AND FIRE ARE ON AN ALL-POINTS ALERT, JONAH!

THEIR REPORTS SAY THAT SOMEBODY'S FIGHTING ON TOP OF THAT VOLCANO!

AND WE HAVEN'T GOT A PICTURE TO SHOW FOR IT!

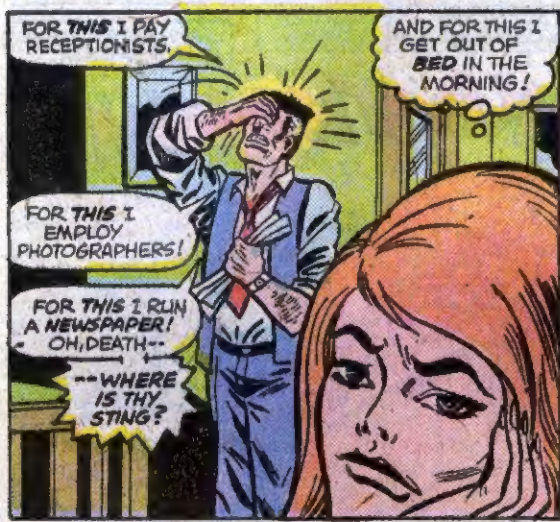
WHERE IN BLAZES IS PARKER??



YOU--WHAT'S YOUR NAME? DID YOU GET A HOLD OF OUR STAR PHOTOGRAPHER YET?

NO SIR, MR. JAMESON. HIS LINE'S BEEN BUSY FOR AN HOUR--AND WHEN I TOLD THE OPERATOR IT WAS AN EMERGENCY--

--SHE CUT IN--BUT ALL WE HEARD WAS WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A CRAZY WOMAN YELLING THE WORD "PETER" OVER AND OVER!



FOR THIS I PAY RECEPTIONISTS!

FOR THIS I EMPLOY PHOTOGRAPHERS!

FOR THIS I RUN A NEWSPAPER! OH, DEATH--

--WHERE IS THY STING?

AND FOR THIS I GET OUT OF BED IN THE MORNING!

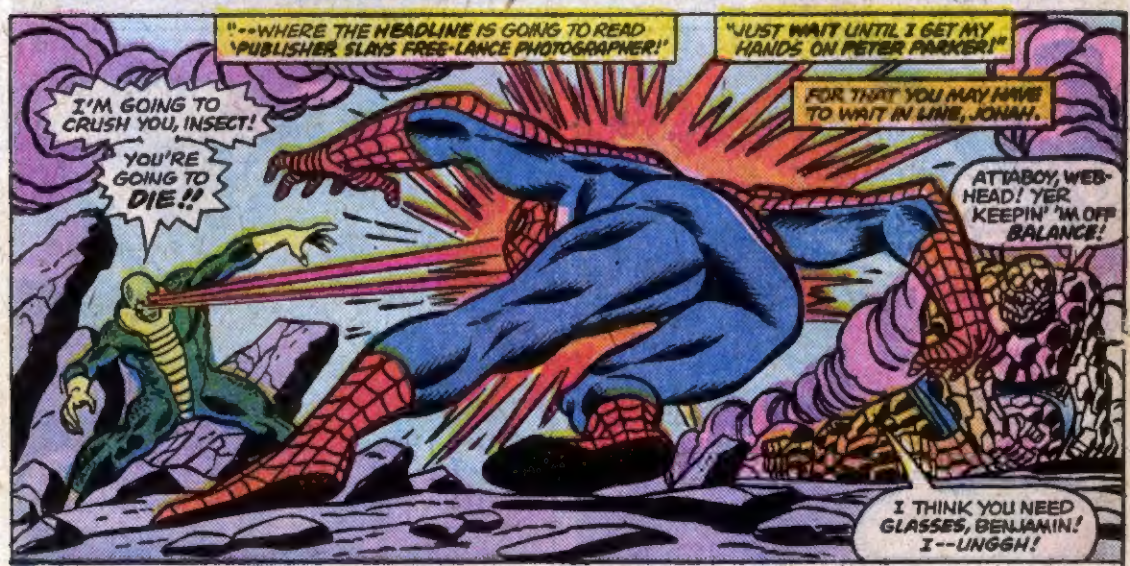


LOOK AT IT, ROBBIE! THE STORY OF THE CENTURY!

A DISASTER GREATER THAN THE HINDENBERG OR THE CHICAGO FIRE!

THERE'LL BE OTHER STORIES, JONAH!

YOU GET THERE WILL, ROBBIE. STARTING WITH TOMORROW'S FRONT PAGE--



"--WHERE THE HEADLINE IS GOING TO READ 'PUBLISHER SLAYS FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHER!'"

"JUST WAIT UNTIL I GET MY HANDS ON PETER PARKER!"

FOR THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT IN LINE, JONAH.

I'M GOING TO CRUSH YOU, INSECT!

YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!!

ATTABOY, WEB-HEAD! YER KEEPIN' 'IM OFF BALANCE!

I THINK YOU NEED GLASSES, BENJAMIN! I--UNGGH!





NAH! ALL I NEED IS A BROTHER NOW! N' THEN! AN' NOW THAT I'VE HAD ONE--

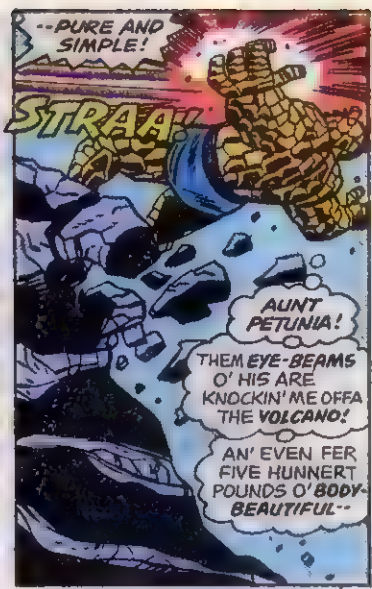
I KNOW--IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!

HOW'D'JA GUESS?



CAN IT BE THAT YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND? THIS IS NO GAME, GROTESQUE ONE!

THIS IS DEATH, THING--



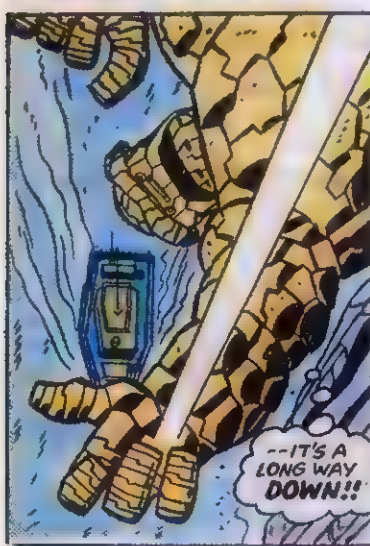
--PURE AND SIMPLE!

STRAA!

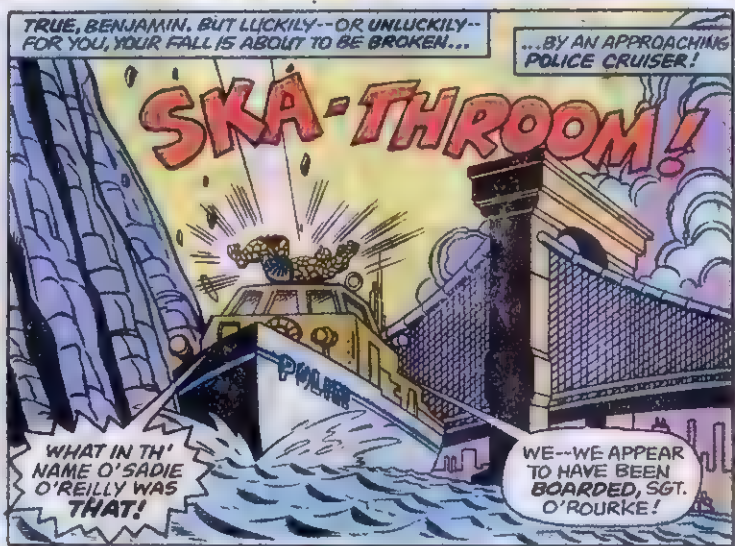
AUNT PETUNIA!

THEM EYE-BEAMS O' HIS ARE KNOCKIN' ME OFFA THE VOLCANO!

AN' EVEN FER FIVE HUNNERT POUNDS O' BODY-BEAUTIFUL--



--IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN!!



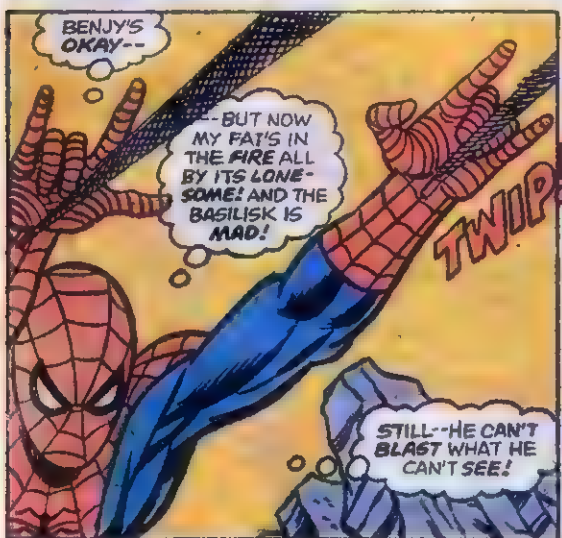
TRUE, BENJAMIN, BUT LUCKILY--OR UNLUCKILY--FOR YOU, YOUR FALL IS ABOUT TO BE BROKEN...

...BY AN APPROACHING POLICE CRUISER!

SKA-THROOM!

WHAT IN TH' NAME O' SADIE O'REILLY WAS THAT!

WE--WE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN BOARDED, SGT. O'ROURKE!



BENJY'S OKAY--

--BUT NOW MY FAT'S IN THE FIRE ALL BY ITS LONE-SOME! AND THE BASILISK IS MAD!

TWIP!

STILL--HE CAN'T BLAST WHAT HE CAN'T SEE!

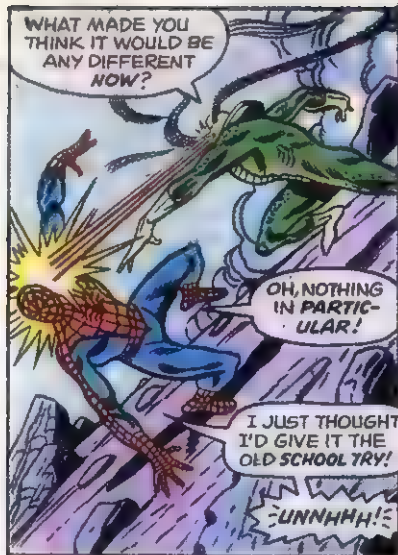


ONCE BEFORE YOU ATTEMPTED TO STOP ME IN SUCH A MANNER, SPIDER-MAN!

THEN, YOUR ATTEMPT MET WITH SAILURE!

\*MTU #16--MARV.



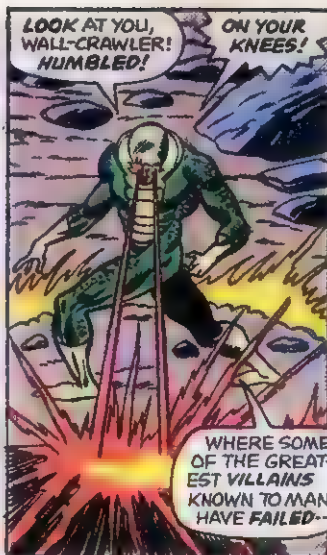


WHAT MADE YOU THINK IT WOULD BE ANY DIFFERENT NOW?

OH, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR!

I JUST THOUGHT I'D GIVE IT THE OLD SCHOOL TRY!

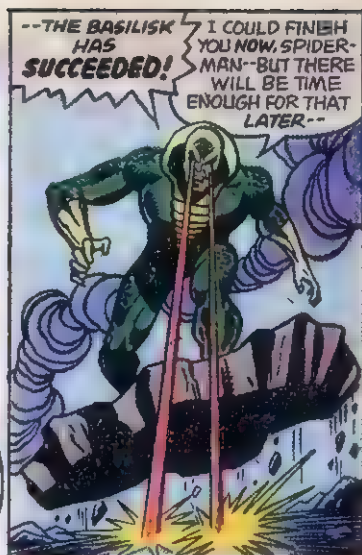
UNNNHHH!!



LOOK AT YOU, WALL-CRAWLER! HUMBLER!

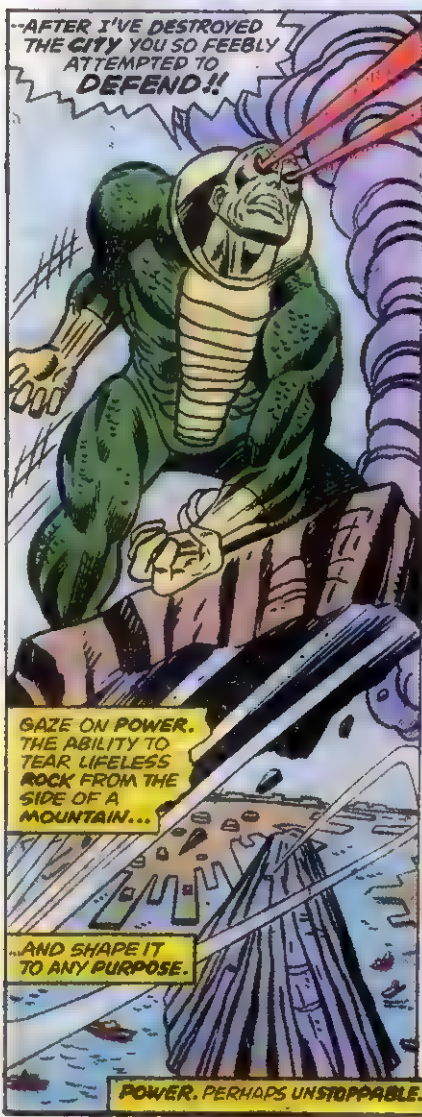
ON YOUR KNEES!

WHERE SOME OF THE GREATEST VILLAINS KNOWN TO MAN HAVE FAILED--



--THE BASILISK HAS SUCCEEDED!

I COULD FINISH YOU NOW, SPIDER-MAN--BUT THERE WILL BE TIME ENOUGH FOR THAT LATER--



--AFTER I'VE DESTROYED THE CITY YOU SO FEEBLY ATTEMPTED TO DEFEND!!

GAZE ON POWER. THE ABILITY TO TEAR LIFELESS ROCK FROM THE SIDE OF A MOUNTAIN...

...AND SHAPE IT TO ANY PURPOSE.

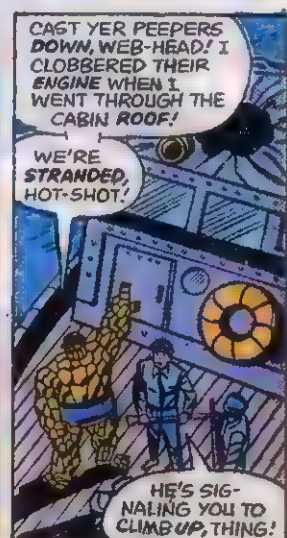
POWER. PERHAPS UNSTOPPABLE.



TH' GREENIE'S LEAVIN'. MR. GRIMM! AN' I'M NOT SEENIN' ANY SIGN O' SPIDER--WAIT!!

YEAH, I SEE HIM. O'ROURKE!

HE'S ASKIN' IF YER BOAT CAN GET US TO SHORE!



CAGT YER PEEPERS DOWN, WEB-HEAD! I CLOBBERED THEIR ENGINE WHEN I WENT THROUGH THE CABIN ROOF!

WE'RE STRANDED, HOT-SHOT!

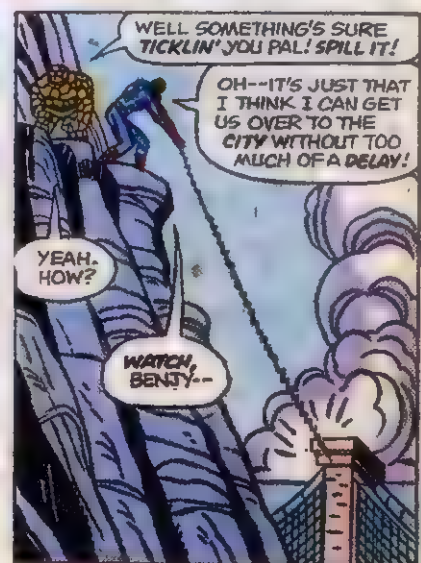
HE'S SIGNALING YOU TO CLIMB UP, THING!



SURE. WHY NOT? WE LOST US THIS INNIN ANYWAY! WHAT'S KILLIN' SOME TIME GONNA MATTER?

I'M COMIN' WALL-CRAWLER--'CAUSE THERE AIN'T NUTHIN' ELSE WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW!

I HOPE YOUR GOOD CHEER ISN'T CONTAGIOUS, 'BENJAMIN! A GUY COULD DIE BEING THAT MADRY!



WELL SOMETHING'S SURE TICKLIN' YOU PAL! SPILL IT!

OH--IT'S JUST THAT I THINK I CAN GET US OVER TO THE CITY WITHOUT TOO MUCH OF A DELAY!

YEAH. HOW?

WATCH, BENTY--

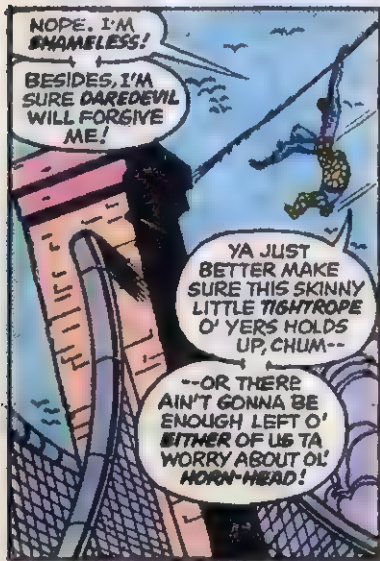




--AND HANG ON!!

WHEE-OOO! HERE COMES SPIDER-MAN-- THE MAN WITH- OUT FEAR!

SHEESH! AIN'T YA GOT NO RESPECT FER COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, WEB-HEAD?

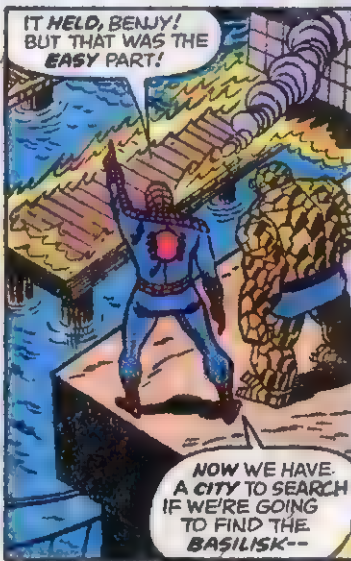


NOPE. I'M SHAMELESS!

BESIDES, I'M SURE DAREDEVIL WILL FORGIVE ME!

YA JUST BETTER MAKE SURE THIS SKINNY LITTLE TIGHTROPE O' YERS HOLDS UP, CHUM--

--OR THERE AIN'T GONNA BE ENOUGH LEFT O' EITHER OF US TA WORRY ABOUT O' HORN-HEAD!



IT HELD, BENJY! BUT THAT WAS THE EASY PART!

NOW WE HAVE A CITY TO SEARCH IF WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE BASILISK--

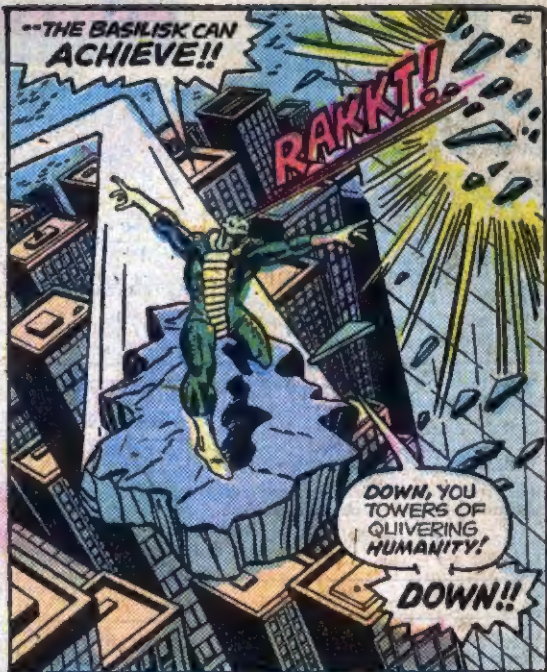
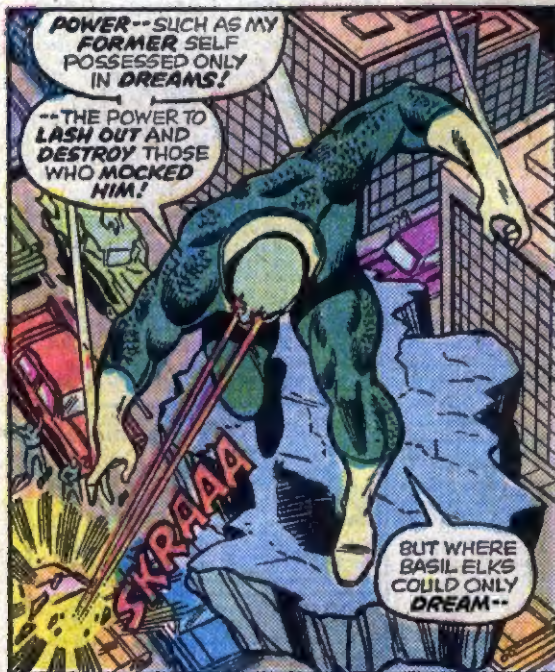


--BEFORE HE DESTROYS IT!!

COWER, YOU TREMBLING CATTLE!

RUN BEFORE THE MIGHT OF THE BASILISK!







DON'T SAY IT,  
BENJAMIN!  
PLEASE!

TRY SOME-  
THING ELSE FOR  
ONCE!  
ANYTHING!

SHKROW!

I CAN'T HELP MYSELF,  
WEB-HEAD! IT'S IN THE  
BLOOD! ONE O' THOSE  
THINGS I GOT NO  
CONTROL OVER!

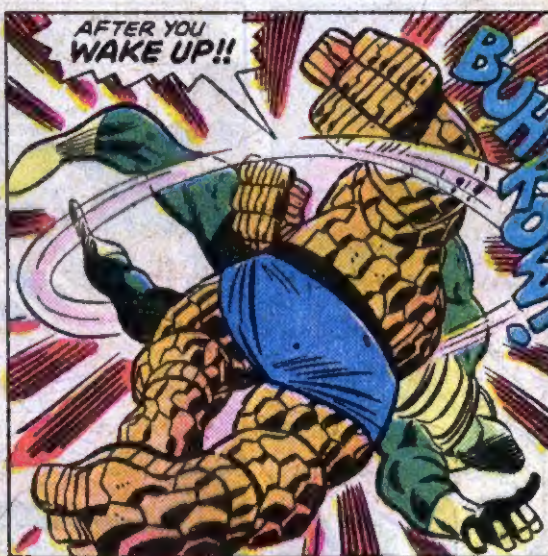
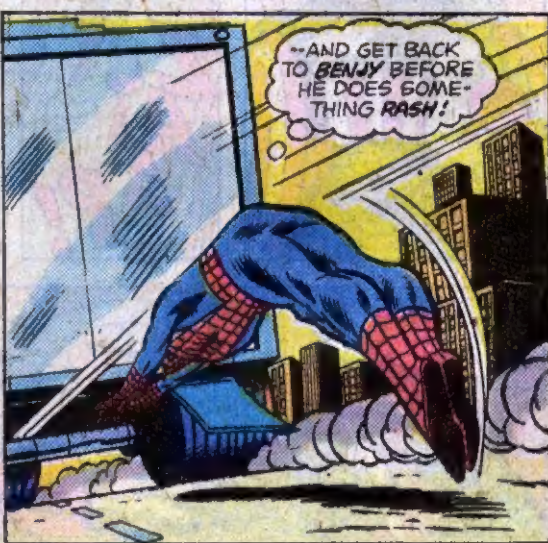
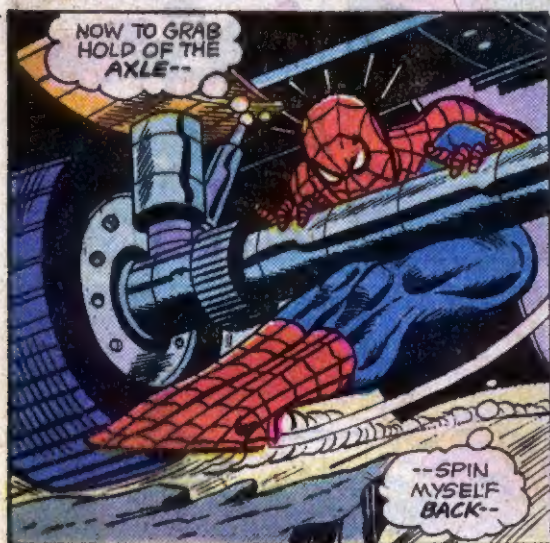
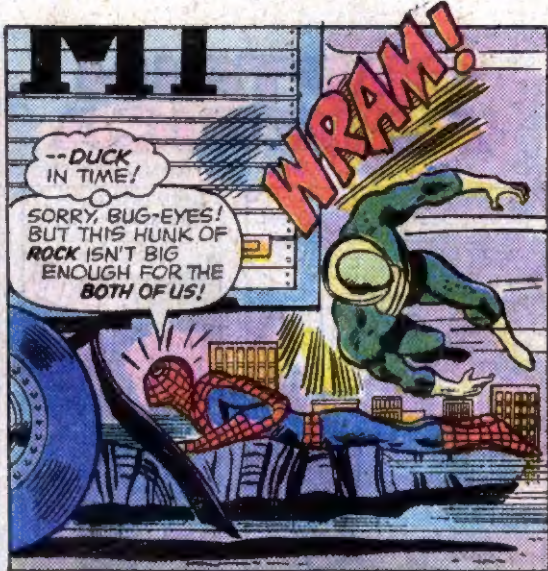
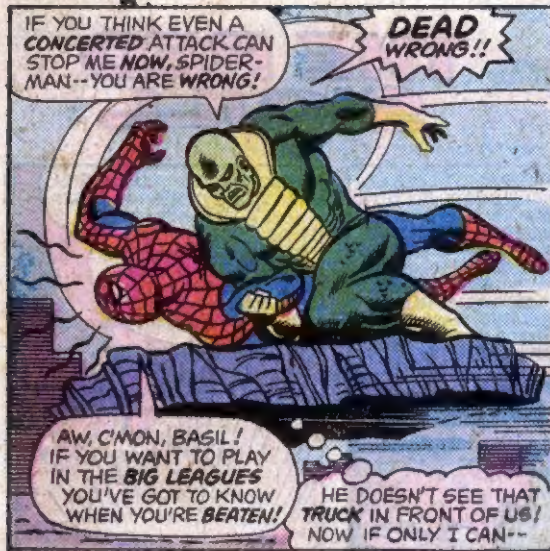
'CAUSE EVERY TIME  
I GET MYSELF AN EYEFUL  
O' CRUMB-BUMS LIKE OL'  
BASIL HERE--I GET MAD!

AN' WHEN  
MRS. GRIMM'S  
LITTLE BOY  
BENJAMIN GETS  
MAD--

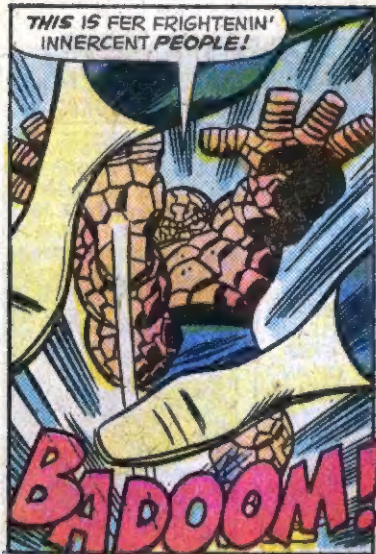
--IT'S  
CLOBBERIN'  
TIME!!

SEE--IT  
JUST SORTA  
SLIPPED  
OUT!



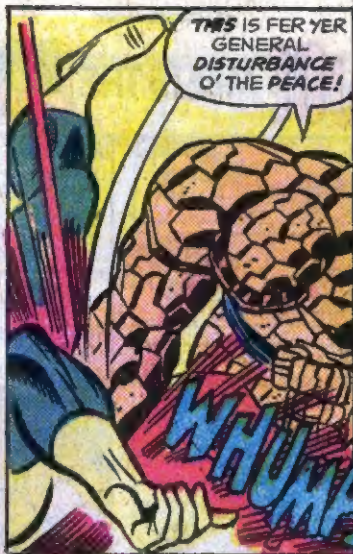






THIS IS FER FRIGHTENIN' INNOCENT PEOPLE!

**BADDOOM!**



THIS IS FER YER GENERAL DISTURBANCE O' THE PEACE!

**WHUMP!**



AN' THIS ONE IS FER ME!

THINK OF IT AS A DOOR PRIZE FER BEIN' SUCH A LOSER!

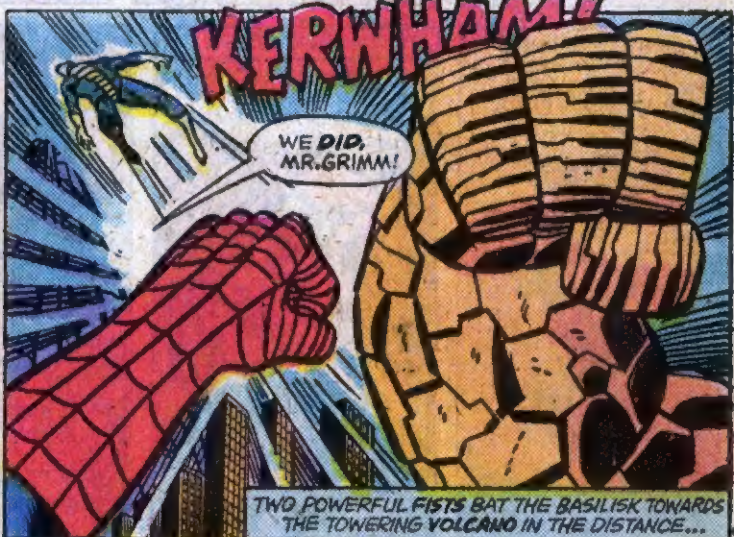
**WHACK!**



LOSER? NO!! I WILL NEVER ALLOW MYSELF TO BE CALLED THAT! NOT WHEN I CAN DESTROY YOU WITH A SINGLE GLANCE!

LOOKS LIKE YOU HIT A SORE-SPOT, BLUE-EYES!

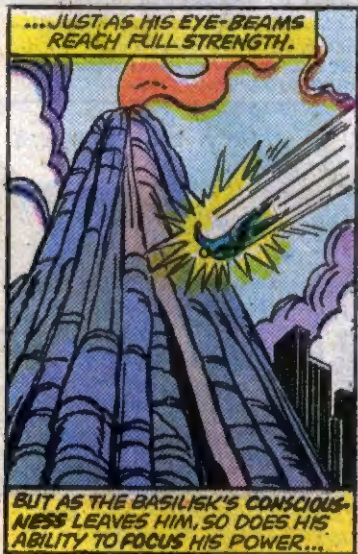
YEP, NOW LET'S SEE IF WE CAN HIT ANOTHER ONE, WEB-HEAD!



**KERWHAM!**

WE DID, MR. GRIMM!

TWO POWERFUL FISTS BAT THE BASILISK TOWARDS THE TOWERING VOLCANO IN THE DISTANCE...



...JUST AS HIS EYE-BEAMS REACH FULL STRENGTH.

BUT AS THE BASILISK'S CONSCIOUSNESS LEAVES HIM, SO DOES HIS ABILITY TO FOCUS HIS POWER...



...AND THERE IS NOTHING ELSE FOR THE DIRECTIONLESS POWER-BURSTS TO DO...

...BUT IMplode!

**KATHOOM!**

...TAKING THE VOLCANO, AND THE BASILISK... WITH THEM!



OH WELL. THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE!

ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK, BENJAMIN.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK!

**NEXT: THE SCARECROW!**